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SUBJECT: DRILLING FOR OIL IN VIETNAM

1. A WEST EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US APRIL 26 THAT THE WEST GERMAN PRIVATE FIRM DEMINEX AND THE ITALIAN STATE FIRM AGIP HAD BOTH SIGNED CONTRACTS WITH THE SRV THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO BEGIN OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING.

2. THE WEST GERMAN FIRM SIGNED ON APRIL 19. BOTH FIRMS WILL SEND IN SEISMIC SURVEY TEAMS. THE ITALIAN TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN JUNE AND THE GERMAN TEAM WILL ARRIVE SOME TIME BEFORE JUNE. ACCORDING TO A HANOI-BASED
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ASIAN DIPLOMAT, THE ITALIAN SURVEY TEAM WILL CONCENTRATE ITS ACTIVITIES OFF SOUTHERN VIET NAM'S DUU LONG-BEN TRE COAST.

3. A THIRD FIRM, THE FRENCH ELF, HAS ALSO ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SRV GOVERNMENT ABOUT OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING IN SRV WATERS BUT, ACCORDING TO THE WEST

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EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR, THE SLOW PACE OF THESE DISCUSS-
IONS PLUS THE OPENING UP OF OFF SHORE DRILLING OPPOR-
TUNITIES IN AFRICA APPEAR TO BE TEMPTING ELF TO
TERMINATE ITS DEALINGS WITH THE SRV.

4. A NORWEGIAN AND AN INDIAN FIRM ARE ALSO DISCUSSING
OIL DRILLING WITH THE SRV. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR,
THE INDIAN FIRM IS DISCUSSING ONSHORE DRILLING.
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